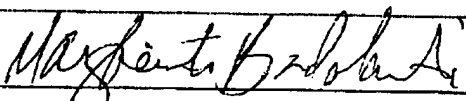


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**RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed to applicants on September 17, 2003. The Examiner has pointed out the preliminary amendment as the basis for the status identifier of "original" in Claims 1, 3 and 13 as being noncompliant. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's telephone call

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clarifying the matter and have attached the response with the proper status identifiers. Applicant has selected the status identifier as "previously presented" since the amendments were made in a preliminary amendment and not in response to the Office Action of August 11, 2003. The present response to the Notice of Non Compliance and the attached corrected response to the Office Action of August 11, 2003 are within the one-month time allowance from the mailing of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and therefore no extensions of time are required.

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